Myths About The O9A

1. **O9A is Satanic**

The O9A has been said to be Satanic but this is a misunderstanding of (i) the word Satanism as used by the O9A and (ii) the nature of Satanism in respect to the praxis of the O9A.

(i) The word Satanism and satanic are described in the MS The Geryne of Satan which detail the historical usage of the words Satan, Satanism, and satanic in the English language. This is the usage which is abided by when the term is used in the context of the Order of Nine Angles. That is, the word does not describe what-is but simply what-is-not.

(ii) In the initiatory stage of the hermetic Seven Fold Way, Satanism is a tool to be used in order to carry out esoteric aims for such a stage. These aims being to develop a sense of duality through an exoteric means, by which Satanism is simply one form. In effect, it it the breaking down of dogmatic patterns and identifications, that is all.

2. **O9A is political**

The O9A is politically apathetic and can exist and does exist not for the existence of any certain political system or against any specific political system. The O9A views politics and political abstractions as a causal means for an acausal understanding. That is, the form taken is not given value but the underlying purpose of such a form is. For example, the O9A values individuality and for such an aim, one may support a political ideology which promotes this fundamental value. However, abstractions outside of the fundamental axioms of the O9A in respect to political ideas are simply individual, personal inclinations and are not reflexions of the philosophy of the O9A, also known as the Sinister-Numen or the Numinous Way.

3. **O9A is violent**

While some individuals who claim to follow the Numinous Way may act violently, this is not a reflexion of the philosophy itself. The O9A, the collection of ideas of the Numinous Way, does not promote violence in any form and is concerned with understanding the self and reality.

4. **O9A is (Christian Satanism/LaVeyanism/Thelema)**

Whenever a group is against the philosophy of another, the first group often makes claims about the second group and how their philosophy is in some way wrong or not to be entertained to any extent. This is common in realms including religions, politics, propaganda, psychology, warfare, etc. As has been shown in MSS such as the Rite of the Nine Angles, the O9A is unique in its theology, praxis, axioms, etc. which in combinations form the basis of the Numinous Way of the O9A.

If one were to compare the subjects of these claims, it is apparent there is no connexion between them. Comparing Atazoth and Azathoth yields no similarities apart from a somewhat similar name. Comparing the Star Game with chess yields no similarities apart from being a game in which pieces move in a certain way. Comparing the term nine angles and its esoteric and exoteric meaning and origin to the rite of the nine angles and similar rites from Aquino and Gilmore yield no similarities apart from the name involving the number nine.

5. **O9A is dogmatic**

There is no dogma in the Numinous Way of the Order of Nine Angles. The only thing which could be seen as being dogmatic in any way are the three axioms.

(i) There is a causal, physical and an acausal, non-physical

(ii) Individual judgement is to be made in accordance with one's personal wyrd and development through pathei-mathos.
(iii) The praxis of the O9A is but one means to apprehend what the O9A terms as lapis philosophicus through development of self via the Seven Fold Way.

Aside from these three axioms, individual experimentation, changing, adding, subtracting, etc. is encouraged. The O9A cares about the underlying essence, not the form.

6. **O9A is a religion**

The O9A is a religion in the same way Buddhism or Hinduism is a religion, that is, not at all. Buddhism and Hinduism are not seen as religions by the people who understand them but only by those who have little or no understanding of what these systems really are. Every individual who applies or follows the Numinous Way will differ from another on the same path. Even individuals in the same stage of the Seven Fold Way will have two completely different weltanschauungen as a result of pathei-mathos. The O9A is concerned with the inner esoteric, not the outer exoteric form.

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